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In re Application of:
Eliel Villa-Aleman
Application No. 09/578,662
Filed: May 25, 2000
For: **LED INTENSE HEADBAND LIGHT
SOURCE FOR FINGERPRINT ANALYSIS**

This is a decision on the petition filed February 25, 2003 under Manual of Patent Examination Procedure §708.02, VIII: Accelerated Examination and XI: Invention for Countering Terrorism.

The petition under Manual of Patent Examination Procedure §708.02, VIII, must:

- (1) be filed prior to receiving any examination by the examiner,
- (2) be accompanied by the required fee- \$130,
- (3) the claims should be directed to a single invention (if it is determined that the claims pertain to more than one invention, then applicant will have to make an election without traverse or forfeit accelerated examination status),
- (4) state that a pre-examination search was made, and fully discuss the search method employed, such as classes and subclasses searched, publications, Chemical abstracts, patents, etc. A search made by a foreign patent office satisfies this requirement,
- (5) be accompanied by a copy of each of the references most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims if said references are not already of record,
- (6) fully discuss the references, pointing out with the particularity required by 37 C.F.R. §1.111(b) and (c), how the claimed subject matter is patentable over the references.

The petition fails to meet requirements (4), (5) and (6) above.

Accordingly, the petition is **DENIED**.

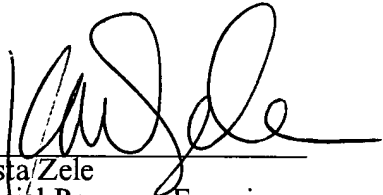
A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d), and in accordance with MPEP 708.02, XI, for an invention which contributes to the countering of terrorism, must include the petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i). The petition must also be accompanied by a statement explaining how the invention contributes to countering terrorism. The types of technology for countering terrorism could include, but are not limited to, systems for detecting/identifying explosives, aircraft sensors/security systems, and vehicular barricades/disabling systems.

The statements made in the petition do not show how the device for detecting and analyzing fingerprints of the instant application directly contributes to the countering of terrorism. The device for providing a high intensity wavelength specific light source for on-site fingerprint detection and analysis of applicant's invention do not counter terrorism directly and do not fall into the category of invention as outlined above.

Accordingly, the petition is **DENIED**.

Petitioner is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this decision to request reconsideration and supplement the original petition as appropriate.

The application file will be returned to the Technology Center's central files storage area to await action in its regular turn.

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